incurred by companies operating Satellite TV channels in India, with break up of hire charges incurred by each company towards overseas satellite transmitters and whether each one of them obtained prior permission of RBI for the same; and

(b) if so, respective dates on which RBI gave such permission?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up a National Institute of Siddha/ Unani

2312. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up national institute for Siddha/Unani;

(b) if so, the present stage of the proposal; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It has been decided in principle to set up a National Institute of Siddha at Madras for which a tentative site has already been identified. However, due to lack of financial resources it is not possible to take further action on this during current financial year. In so far as National Institute of Unani is concerned, it has already been decided to set up the same at Bangalore on a piece of land provided by the Government of Karnataka free of cost. The foundation stone of the building had been laid on 8.11.1995 and the work of construction of boundary wall of the same is in progreee. The Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation Ltd. (HSCC), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has already been given the work to prepare designs and estimates for the proposed building complex of the Institute.

Composition of Company Law Board

2313. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of the Company Law Board and the criteria and procedure for selection of its members and Chairman;

(b) how many offices the Board has all over the country;

(c) what is the category-wise break-up of the pending cases before the Board;

(d) what is the jurisdiction and powers of the Board;

(e) whether in the wake of economic liberalisation, need for a new role and giving more teeth to the Board has been felt by Government; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The sanctioned strength of the Company Law Board is one Chairman, one Vice-Chairman and seven Members. Their qualifications, age limit and method of recruitment are prescribed in Rules 3 and 4 of the Company Law Board (Qualifications, Experience and other Conditions of Service of Members) Rules, 1993 issued vide Notification No. A-12018/3/ 92-Admn.I dated 28.4.1993 and published in the Official Gazette on 28.4.1993 under GSR No. 388 (E).

(b) The Board has a Principal Bench at New Delhi and four Regional Benches at New Delhi (Northern Region), Mumbai (Western Region), Calcutta (Eastern Region) and Madras (Southern Region).

(c) A statement is enclosed (*See* below)

(d) The Principal Bench of the Board has jurisdiction all over the country. The matters falling under Sections 235, 237, 247, 248, 250, 397/398, 408 and 409 of the Companies Act, 1956 and Section 2A of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 are dealt with by the Principal Bench. The Regional Benches have jurisdiction within their respective areas. The matters falling under Section 17, 18/19, 58A(9), 80A, 111, 113, 141, 167, 186 and 621A of the Companies Act, 1956 and under Section 22A of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 are dealt with by the Regional Benches.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.